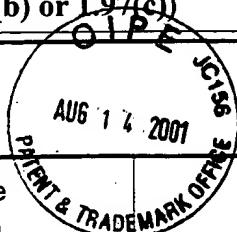


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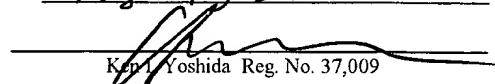
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The relevance of those listed references which are not in the English language is as follows:

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 8-261147 corresponds to the U.S. Patent Publication No. 5,685,160.

Japanese Unexamined Utility Model Publication No. 63-143776 discloses in column [0028] on the page 6, that at front and rear space between cylinder bores 10 and cylinder blocks 1 and 2, discharge passages 25 and 26 are defined to face each other by two partitions 33 and 34, which is almost in the middle of the space. The discharge passages 25 and 26 communicate with discharge chambers 19 and 20 through communication ports 27 and 28 formed on front and rear valve plates 13 and 14.

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